

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MAY 28, 2009 AT THE OLD TOWN SUB-STATION, 817 NO. MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

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Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman  
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman  
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member  
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member  
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member  
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2009

It was moved by Jake Gonzales and seconded by Max Brown to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION COMMUNITY PRESENTATION ON MAY 8, 2009

There was some discussion regarding holding other Open House events at different locations. Beth Carrigan presented the idea of topics of interest that would be of interest to the public, which would draw a larger audience. The idea of using some of the topics offered by the citizens who attended the Open House, was discussed.

Janice Montgomery talked about the NACOG Weatherization topic that was presented. She stated that she was very interested in applying, and the process is very involved and there is the possibility that citizens might need help in applying. There is a large amount of information needed, that some of the local citizens may need help in finding this information, and copies of most of that information is also needed. She volunteered to contact Bob Dickey of NACOG to inquire if he could come and train someone on the application process. Beth Carrigan suggested the Senior Commission might want to consider setting up a table at the Verde River Days in September. They could talk to citizens about the Weatherization application, and possibly help them. Max Brown stated that he would also volunteer to be trained and suggested it might be a good idea to talk to YES the ARC to see if they had someone who might be interested in assisting the citizens with the application. He will talk to them. It was also suggested that the local Radio Station would be a good source to help inform our citizens of the Weatherization stimulus process. There might be the possibility of one or two of the Commissioners doing an interview on the radio about the application process.

Elaine Bremner arrived at the meeting at 4:50 PM.

One of the topics of interest that was noted at the Open House, was Elder Abuse. Two Commissioners had received flyers of two different Elder Abuse presentations in June. One event was on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix sponsored by the State Adult Protective Services, and the other event was on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Prescott sponsored by the Prevention of Elder Abuse Coalition. There was some discussion about how the Commission might be able to provide a similar presentation in Cottonwood. Elaine Bremner stated there is a person with NACOG who might provide information for the Commission holding such an Event. It was suggested there may be the possibility of including information about Alzheimer, and ways to help family and friends of those who suffer with the disease.

#### REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATION FOR SENIOR COMMISSION

Beth Carrigan shared copies of the application submitted by Dave Puzas. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the application be placed on the City Council agenda for approval. There was also some discussion about the verbiage and requirements for applicants who applied for vacancies on the Commission. It was also the consensus that this be changed.

#### DISCUSSION OF THE RESOURCE SPECIALIST, HOW TO INTRODUCE HER AND THE NEW INFORMATION PHONE NUMBER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND IDEAS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR WEB LINKS TO BE INCORPORATED AND/OR HOOKED UP TO.

#### DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AND WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP

Due to the time spent on the other topics, the above Items 6 and 7 on the agenda was tabled for the next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Evelyn Couturier, and seconded by Jake Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.